

ELEMENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

Element: 1.3.6 AD Management

Purpose of this Element (Air Carrier's responsibility): To ensure compliance with Airworthiness Directives (AD's).

Objective (FAA responsibility): To determine if the Air Carrier follows its AD Management policy and procedures.

Inputs:

- Airworthiness Directives
- Specific Aircraft, Aircraft Type, Make and Series
- Aircraft Engines, Propeller, and Appliances

Outputs:

• Aircraft and AD records which are in compliance with all applicable AD's.

Performance Measures:

- The Air Carrier's aircraft records indicate aircraft are in compliance with applicable airworthiness directives.
- Visual inspection indicates of aircraft that are in compliance with applicable Airworthiness Directives.

SRR:

- 39.3 Airworthiness Directives, General
- 121.380 (a) Maintenance Recording Requirements

Other CFRs and/or FAA Guidance:

• FAA Order 8300.10, Volume 2, Chapter 71 "Evaluate FAR Part 121 Operator's Maintenance Records"

SRR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

SRR	Intent	Inspectors
39.3	To ensure that an air carrier does not operate	Certification: Airworthiness
	any aircraft, engine, propeller, or appliance,	Surveillance: Airworthiness
	contrary to the provisions of any AD's.	
121.380 (a)	To ensure that air carrier records contain	Certification: Airworthiness
	specific information regarding:	Surveillance: Airworthiness
	• Current status of applicable AD's by	
	aircraft;	
	• Date and time compliance;	
	Method of compliance; and	
l	• Date and time of next required action.	

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SECTION 1 - RESPONSIBILITY ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person who is accountable for the quality of the AD Management process.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Identify the person who is responsible for the quality of the AD Mana	agement process.	
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and re	esponsibilities of the person.	
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume',	, if appropriate).	
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.		
5. Discuss the AD Management process with the person.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to	o the following questions:	
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who is answerable for the quality of the AD Management process?	YES If yes, provide the name: No If no, explain:	
2. Does the person understand the procedures associated with the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the AD Management process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
6. Is the responsibility of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:	
7a. Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain: No	
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has responsibility for the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
10. Does the person know who has authority to establish and modify the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	

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SECTION 2 – AUTHORITY ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if there is a clearly identifiable, qualified, and knowledgeable person with the authority to establish and modify the AD Management process.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:		
1. Identify the person who has the authority to establish or modify the AD	Management process.	
2. Review the description in the Manual that delineates the duties and resp	oonsibilities of the person.	
3. Evaluate the person's qualifications and work experience (or resume', it	f appropriate).	
4. Review the appropriate organizational chart.		
5. Discuss the AD Management process with the person.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers to	the following questions:	
1. Is there a clearly identifiable person who has authority to establish and modify the air carrier's policies for the AD Management process?	YES If yes, provide the name: NO If no, explain:	
2. Does the person understand the procedures associated with the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
3. Does the person understand the controls associated with the AD Management process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
4. Does the person understand the interfaces associated with the AD Management process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
5. Does the person understand the process measurements associated with the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
6. Is the authority of this position clearly documented in the air carrier's Manual(s)?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
7. Are the qualification standards for this position clearly documented?	YES If no, explain:	
7a Are the qualification standards for this position appropriate for the duties that are assigned?	YES If no, explain:	
8. Does the person meet the qualification standards?	YES If no, explain:	
9. Does the person acknowledge that he/she has authority for the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
10. Does the individual know who has the responsibility for the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	
11. Are the procedures for delegation of authority clearly documented for the AD Management process?	YES If no, explain:	

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SECTION 3 – PROCEDURES ATTRIBUTE	
Objective: To determine if the air carrier has documented procedures for Management process.	r accomplishing the AD
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks.	
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the A ensure that they contain who, what, where, when, and how.	AD Management process to
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (Supplemental information section of this SAI.	,
3. Discuss the AD Management process with appropriate personnel to procedures.	
4. Observe the AD Management process to gain an understanding of th	e procedures.
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:
1. Do written procedures exist to achieve the desired result of the AD M	Management process:
1.1 Do written procedures state that no aircraft will be operated contrary to the provisions of any AD? (SRR 39.3)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.2 Do written procedures describe the method used to notify the Air Carrier of new and revised AD's? [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.3 Do written procedures describe how AD's are tracked? [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.4 Do written procedures describe how the following AD activities (a), 39.3]	are performed: [SRR 121.380
1.4.1 Evaluation for applicability; [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.4.2 Actions required for compliance; [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A
1.4.3 Method of compliance (Engineering order/Engineering authorization); [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A

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1.4.5 Accomplishment of AD's; [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]		No
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1.5 Do written procedures provide detailed instructions for outsourcing AD's relative to compliance and documentation? [SRR 121.380 (a)] YES If no or N/A, explain: No N/A		YES If no or N/A, explain:
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7. Are the procedures published in different manuals relating to the AD Management process consistent?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:
8. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of procedural changes to the AD Management process?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:

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SECTION 4 – CONTROL ATTRIBUTE			
Objective: To determine if checks and restraints are designed into the AD Management process to ensure a desired result is achieved.			
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks:			
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the A	AD Management process.		
2. Review the FAA Guidance and Specific Regulatory Requirements (Supplemental information section of this SAI	SRR) included in the		
3. Discuss the AD Management process with appropriate personnel to g controls.	gain an understanding of the		
4. Observe the AD Management process to gain an understanding of th	e controls.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:		
1. Are the following checks and restraints built into the AD Manageme	nt process:		
1.1 Does the air carrier have a method to continue to track non-applicable AD's for changes to applicability? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A		
1.2 Does the air carrier have a method for compliance with one time AD's? [SRR 121.380 (a), 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A		
1.3 Does the air carrier have a method for compliance with recurring AD's? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A		
1.4 Does air carrier have a method for determining that an outsourced AD compliance program is in compliance with the Manual? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A		
1.5 Does the air carrier identify AD's that are complied with by alternative means? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A		
1.6 Does the air carrier verify that ADs that are complied with by alternative means have FAA approval? [SRR 39.3]	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A		
1.7 Does the air carrier require that AD's are identified including revision number in work documents (e.g., inspection work cards/forms)?	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A		

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1.8 Does the air carrier have a method for scheduling the people, parts, aircraft, and facilities necessary to accomplish the AD's prior to exceeding the AD's limitations (e.g., calendar, cycles, hours) of the AD? [SRR 39.3]	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.9 Does the air carrier have a tracking system for AD compliance and does it have an alerting mechanism for recurring AD's? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	YES NO N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.10 Does the AD tracking system include a method to track products to which AD's apply, during parts swapping procedures (e.g., cannibalization)? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.11 Does the AD tracking system track new and used parts entering the system for AD compliance? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
1.12 Does the AD tracking system track AD compliance at outsourcing facilities? [SRR 121.380 (a)]	☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A	If no or N/A, explain:
2. Do the checks and restraints ensure the desired result is achieved for the AD Management process?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:
3. Does the air carrier have a documented method for assessing the impacts of any changes made to checks and restraints in the AD Management process?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:
4. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the checks and restraints for the AD Management process?	☐ YES ☐ NO	If no, explain:

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SECTION 5 - PROCESS MEASUREMENT ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier measures and assesses the AD identify and correct problems or potential problems.	Management process, to	
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks		
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the A	AD Management process.	
2. Discuss the AD Management process with appropriate personnel to process measures.	gain an understanding of the	
3. Observe the AD Management process to gain an understanding of the	e process measures.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:	
1. <deleted></deleted>		
2. Does the air carrier's AD Management process include the following	g process measurements:	
2.1 The Air carrier audits aircraft and aircraft records to ensure internal AD compliance is accomplished in accordance with the manual	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
2.2 The Air carrier audits aircraft and aircraft records to ensure that any outsourcing of AD compliance is accomplished in accordance with the manual	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
3. Does the air carrier document their process measurement methods and results?	YES If no, explain:	
4. Are the air carrier's process measurement methods effective?	YES If no, explain:	
5. Does the air carrier use their process measurement results to improve their programs?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
6. Are the process measurement results accessible to the FAA?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
7. Does the organization that conducts the process measurement have direct access to the person with responsibility for the AD Management process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	
8. Does the air carrier have the resources to support the process measurement for the AD Management process?	☐ YES If no, explain: ☐ NO	

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SECTION 6 – INTERFACES ATTRIBUTE		
Objective: To determine if the air carrier identifies and manages the interactions between the AD Management process and the other element processes within the air carrier organization.		
To meet this objective, the inspector will accomplish the following tasks		
1. Review the documented instructions and information related to the A		
2. Discuss the AD Management process with appropriate personnel to interfaces.	gain an understanding of the	
3. Observe the AD Management process to gain an understanding of the	e interfaces.	
To meet this objective, the inspector will determine and record answers	to the following questions:	
1. Are the following interfaces identified for the AD Management proc	ess:	
1.1 Aircraft Airworthiness Requirements (Element 1.1.1)	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A	
1.2 Records and Reporting Systems (Subsystem 1.2)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.3 Major Repairs and Alterations (Element 1.2.2)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.4 Maintenance Log/Recording Requirements (Element 1.2.3)	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A	
1.5 Maintenance Program (Element 1.3.1)	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A	
1.6 Inspection Program (Element 1.3.2)	YES If no or N/A, explain: NO N/A	
1.7 RII (Element 1.3.4)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	
1.8 Outsource Organization (Element 1.3.7)	☐ YES If no or N/A, explain: ☐ NO ☐ N/A	

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1.9 Engineering/Major Repairs and Alterations (Element 1.3.9)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
1.10 Material Control/SUP (Element 1.3.10)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
1.12 General Maintenance Manual/Equivalent (Element 1.3.14)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
1.13 Manual Currency (Element 2.1.1)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
1.14 Content Consistency Across Manuals (Element 2.1.2)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
1.15 (Manual) Distribution (Element 2.1.3)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
1.16 (Manual) Availability (Element 2.1.4)	N/A, explain:
□ No	
□ N/A	
2. List any additional interfaces identified:	
3. Are there written procedures for the use of air carrier personnel in YES If no, exp.	lain:
the application of these interfaces?	
4. Are there controls to ensure that interfaces occur?	lain:
5. Are the interfaces between the AD Management process and other YES If no, exp.	lain:
processes treated consistently in the Manual(s)?	-